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SUBJECT: MITCHELL HOUSING VS. ARK URBAN

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1. BEFORE WE TAKE ACTION ON MITCHELL LETTER AND REFTEL WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPLIES TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. ON NOV. 7, SUBSEQUENT YOUR LAST EXCHANGE WITH MITCHELL, WE RECEIVED FAINTLY APOLOGETIC TELEX FROM MITCHELL IN RESPONSE OUR DIRECT CABLE TO HIM NOV. 6 ADVISING IN FRANK TERMS THAT HIS TACTICS TO DATE GETTING HIM NOWHERE. HE STATED HE WAS TAKING CASE TO FEDERAL COURT AND EXPECTED RULING WEEK OF NOV. 10-14. WHAT WAS COURT OUTCOME? DOES MITCHELL STILL WANT LETTER ANSWERED?

B. WE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM MITCHELL THAT HE WANTED US TO PERSUADE MONTGOMERY TO PAY DEBTS. MONTGOMERY STATED A) MITCHELL HAD NOT RPT NOT COMPLIED WITH CONTRACT, B) MONTGOMERY MIGHT PAY IF MITCHELL AGREED COOPERATE IN NEW PROJECT PHASE, C) MONTGOMERY HAS NOT RPT NO MONEY TO PAY. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MITCHELL'S GOAL OF OBTAINING PAYMENT AND HIS QUESTIONS AS SUMMARIZED REFTEL NOT CLEAR. WHAT IS OBJECTIVE OF NEW QUESTIONS?

C. FHA LOCATED 10 MILES OUTSIDE LAGOS IN FESTIVAL HOUSING SITE. NO TELEPHONE. OBTAINING DESIRED INFORMATION, IF WE CAN, WILL TAKE MINIMUM ONE WORKING DAY. EMBASSY MOST RELUCTANT THROW GOOD TIME AFTER BAD IN PROBABLY FRUITLESS ENDEAVOR IF MITCHELL UNWILLING DO
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MORE ON OWN BEHALF. WHAT ACTIONS HAS MITCHELL TAKEN SINCE NOV. 6?

2. REGARDING EMBASSY'S EFFORTS, EMBOFF HAS DEVOTED SINCE LATE SEPTEMBER APPROXIMATELY FOUR WORKING DAYS TO CASE. (MUCH OF TIME SPENT WAS AFTER HOURS WHEN MONTGOMERY RETURNS FROM SITE.) EMBASSY CONTINUING FOLLOWING CASE BUT HAS ALREADY INFORMED MITCHELL THAT OUR POWERS LIMITED, STALEMATE SEEMS EXIST, MITCHELL SHOULD DO MORE ON OWN BEHALF. SPECIFICALLY, MITCHELL OR HIS NIGERIAN EMPLOYEE SHOULD COME TO LAGOS AND DEAL DIRECTLY WITH FHA AND MONTGOMERY.
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